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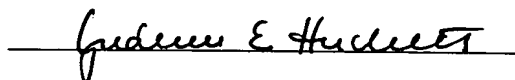
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In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the reference(s) cited on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents (except U.S. patents and published U.S. patent applications) are attached.

These references or their equivalents have been cited in the International Search Report (copy attached) of the above mentioned international application of which the instant application is a national stage. Please note that reference 1) is the equivalent of EP 0 638 453 B1 that has also been discussed in the instant specification on page 1.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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